

The Ten Commandments



1. I am the Lord, your God, you shall not have other gods besides me

- The first command is to **worship only God**.
- This is like the first commandment in that God wants our love, and He doesn't want us to bow down and worship a statue just because we can't see Him.
- In other words God is the only one that we should pray to.

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain

- The second commandment is broken all the time. God commands us to **use His name with respect.**
- Many people use God's name like a swear word, or say it when they're upset. God wants us to use His name when we're talking to Him, or telling others about Him in a nice way. To use His name in these other ways is very disrespectful and hurts God to hear it.

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day

- The third commandment should be easy, we are to **remember God's Sabbath**. God wants us to take one day of the week and rest and go to **CHURCH**.
- When God made the world in six days, He rested on the seventh day. This gets harder when you get older, there always seems to be something to do, but remember God commands us to take a day off.

4. Honor your father and mother

- The fourth commandment tells us to **respect our parents.**
- Sometimes you might think you know what's best, or you get frustrated because your parents won't let you do something. Remember your parents were once kids just like you, and they are trying to keep you safe and from making the same mistakes they've already made.

5. You Shall not kill

- This commandment says **don't hurt others.**
- Now imagine for a minute if everyone in the whole world obeyed this rule like God wants us to. We probably wouldn't have any jails and we would all get along with one another

6. You shall not commit adultery

- The sixth commandment is for those who are married. God tells us to be **respectful in marriage**.
- He wants us to love our wife or husband someday (even if they get on your nerves once and a while) and treat them with respect.

7. You shall not steal

- The seventh commandment is **don't steal**. This means that we shouldn't take something that doesn't belong to us.

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

- the eighth commandment is **don't lie**.
- It is always better to tell the truth, and while you're at it don't do anything that would make you want to lie. Usually parents know when you're lying anyway, and if you don't get caught God sees and hears everything and He knows.

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife

- The ninth commandment is **don't be envious of the relationship of others.**
- This means that we shouldn't be jealous of others that have a better relationship with their loved ones than we do.

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods (anything that belongs to your neighbor)

- The last commandment is **don't be envious of the possessions of others.**
- This means that we shouldn't wish to have things that someone else has. I know there is always a new toy or game - there is always something that we want to get. It's important to remember that these things aren't really important. God is the most important (if you remember the first commandment).